

## **2nd BCT, 4th Inf. Div. Soldiers focus on safety**

*Divisionwide safety day spans Soldiers at Forts Carson, Hood*

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FORT CARSON, Colo. – The 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, conducted a mandatory safety awareness day here May 18.

The brigade event was part of a divisionwide effort that spanned Soldiers at Fort Carson and Fort Hood.

“The chain of command has a very positive and motivated attitude towards safety,” said Edward Keeser, tactical safety specialist, 2nd BCT, 4th Inf. Div.

The brigade’s leadership is committed to the safety of the Soldiers and their families, he added.

“Operational readiness and safety are vital keys to this brigade’s continued success on the battlefield, and while they are in garrison, training for that battlefield,” he said. “It takes the combined efforts of every member of the 2nd Brigade’s team to accomplish the brigade’s mission.”

Soldiers spent the day rotating through different stations and activities centered on mitigating accidents through risk awareness. The classes touched upon combat and training safety practices but focused mainly on the overlooked dangers of common recreational events.

“We picked a bunch of different things – everyday activities – and created safety classes on them,” said Staff Sgt. Steven Knight, human intelligence specialist, Company A, Special Troops Battalion, 2nd BCT.

“We’re educating (Soldiers) about safety to reduce the (accident) rate of the division,” he continued. “Although the activities focused on common things, accidents can always happen; perhaps more often in the things we take for granted.”

He added that Soldiers could probably prevent most accidents by conducting a risk assessment for their activities, creating a plan and becoming more aware of what risks might be out there – hence the safety classes.

It’s about Soldiers looking out for other Soldiers, and that’s how it should be, said Knight, who taught a lawnmower and trimmer safety class.

Some of the stations covered such things as the risks and effects of driving under the influence, heat casualty prevention and care, barbeque and grilling safety, water and boating safety, lawnmower safety and privately owned vehicle and motorcycle inspections.

“The classes were high-speed,” said Spc. Andrew Chaddock, repair and utility noncommissioned officer-in-charge, Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 2nd BCT. “The NCOs teaching us today talked with a genuine concern, which helped the tips and facts sink in.”

The safety awareness day came at an appropriate time, as Memorial Day weekend rolled around and summer starts edging in.

To expand Soldiers’ training and education of risk management, the Army has dedicated a comprehensive Website (<https://crc.army.mil>), which is loaded with training tools and information resources. Soldiers and leaders can find information on everything from heat and cold casualties to motorcycle safety.



**Walk the line.**

FORT CARSON, Colo. – Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, attempt to walk on top of designated lines as they wear goggles simulating the effects of alcohol during a driving safety and alcohol awareness course here May 18. The event was part of a divisionwide safety day that spanned Forts Carson and Hood.

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### **Boat.**

FORT CARSON, Colo. – Soldiers from Special Troops Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, demonstrate how to safely pull someone out of the water during a water and boating safety course here May 18. The event was part of a divisionwide safety day that spanned Forts Carson and Hood.

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### **Vehicle inspection 2.**

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### **Classes.**

FORT CARSON, Colo. – Soldiers from Special Troops Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, go through a grill and barbeque safety course while in the background, others go through a water and boating safety course here May 18. The classes were part of a divisionwide safety day that spanned Forts Carson and Hood. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Rodney Foliente, 2nd BCT PAO, 4th Inf. Div.)